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From: Peter R. Teahen

Date: August 15, 2008

Re: MUR # 6019

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Mr Jordan

An original of this document has been placed in the mail for your records

Thank your,

Peter R. Teahen

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August 14, 2008

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Federal Election Commission
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Re Complaint against Peter Teahen, Teahen Funeral Home, Inc and Friends of Peter Teahen,

Dear Mr Jordan

It has been brought to our attention that you are not in receipt of our reply to your letter dated May 22, 2008. Our records show that a response letter was sent to your office in a timely manner. Unfortunately between the time that Peter Teahen lost the primary election and this date, the City of Cedar Rapids has suffered from a devastating disaster that has crippled many of our local resources that we believe our response may have been lost in the flood.

We firmly deny all of the allegations filed by Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, DCCC, and view the complaints as harassment and politics as usual.

Arguments filed by the DCCC claim that Peter Teahen, Teahen Funeral Home, Inc, and Friends of Peter Teahen, knowingly and wilfully violated the Federal Election Campaign Act by illegally using corporate funds to coordinate television advertisements designed to benefit the Peter Teahen for Congress campaign. The DCCC also claims that ads for Mr Teahen and Teahen Funeral Home illegally ran within 90 days of Iowa's June 3rd Primary election.

We believe both claims made by the DCCC are incorrect interpretations of the facts. Peter Teahen, Teahen Funeral Home, Inc and Friends of Peter Teahen maintain that all parties are in full compliance with Federal Election laws.

THE FACTS

It is our understanding that federal election laws governing advertisements made by a candidate's private business leading up to a primary election clearly state that any advertisement featuring a candidate's voice or likeness must be removed within 45 days of a Primary election, not 90 days, as suggested in the complaint filed by the DCCC see F C C Rules § 73 1942 (a)(1)

All advertisements for Teahen Funeral Home, Inc featuring Mr Teahen, his image, voice, and/or likeness were removed on April 15th, or 47 days before Iowa's June 3rd primary election

Advertisements for Teahen Funeral Home, Inc did continue after April 15th However, advertisements that aired after April 15th did not feature Mr Teahen, his image, voice, and/or likeness

The advertisements for Teahen Funeral Home, Inc featuring Mr Teahen were created in 2001 and have aired every year since 2001 prior to Memorial Day and July 4th as a tribute to veterans and their families Contrary to the accusations by the DCCC, the ad in question was not created to coincide with the campaign, the ad does not contain multiple images of Teahen and the American flag, nor does the ad feature Mr Teahen "speaking directly to the camera about his patriotism"

The contracting for the placement and airing of the ad in question occurred prior to Mr Teahen announcing his candidacy The commercial in question was created in 2001 as a Memorial Day and July 4th tribute to veterans and their families by Teahen Funeral Home, Inc and not as an advertisement to benefit Mr Teahen's congressional campaign

Peter Teahen and Teahen Funeral Home, Inc have since 2001 used the same advertisement in early spring prior to Memorial Day and the 4th of July to promote patriotism and service to country as an advertising strategy Mr Teahen is recognized in the area as a major promoter of patriotism and service to country and was given the moniker of "Uncle Sam" years ago by the Cedar Rapids Gazette newspaper The commercial noted in the complaint filed by the DCCC was not produced for the benefit of the Teahen campaign and no willful violation of Federal Election Commission rules was ever intended or, we believe, committed

Peter Teahen and Teahen Funeral Home, Inc attempted in good faith to comply with all laws governing private company advertisements by withdrawing advertisements featuring Mr Teahen's image, voice, and/or likeness by April 15th or 47 days before Iowa's primary election on June 3rd

Peter Teahen, Teahen Funeral Home, Inc and Friends of Peter Teahen did consult with the cable provider that aired the commercials, to ensure compliance with any and all FEC regulations. The cable company researched the issue and assured Peter Teahen, Teahen Funeral Home, Inc, and Friends of Peter Teahen that full compliance to FEC regulations would be met by removing the ad 47 days prior to the primary. OnMedia Cable Company has verified and documented the ad in question was removed 47 days prior to the primary.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter R Teahen



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